

before the Finance Committee on January 30, 1997:

* * * assuming zero for the remaining bias is the political fix. On this issue we should let evidence, not politics, drive policy.

Policies based on inaccurate statistics can have dramatic consequences for the economy. For example, overstating the increase in the cost of living reduces the growth in real wages. With an overstated cost of living measure, it appears that real hourly wages have been stagnant for the past 30 years. Yet with a one percentage point correction, it turns out that real hourly earnings have actually increased by 35 percent.

It is important that our Bureau of Labor Statistics, which is comprised of many superb professionals, even so be humble enough to recognize that it may not be the repository of all expertise on this subject. There are other views, and they need to be considered carefully by the BLS. Commissioner Abraham would do well to be mindful of this in her second term.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY DAY

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 136, submitted today by Senators BIDEN, MACK, ABRAHAM and others.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. 136) designating October 17, 1997, as "National Mammography Day."

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to, en bloc; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. 136) was agreed to. The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 136

Whereas according to the American Cancer Society, in 1997, 180,200 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 43,900 women will die from this disease;

Whereas in the decade of the 1990's, it is estimated that about 2,000,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, resulting in nearly 500,000 deaths;

Whereas the risk of breast cancer increases with age, with a woman at age 70 having twice as much of a chance of developing the disease as a woman at age 50;

Whereas at least 80 percent of the women who get breast cancer have no family history of the disease;

Whereas mammograms, when operated professionally at a certified facility, can provide a safe and quick diagnosis;

Whereas experts agree that mammography is the best method of early detection of breast cancer, and early detection is the key to saving lives;

Whereas mammograms can reveal the presence of small cancers up to 2 years or more before a regular clinical breast examination or breast self-examination (BSE), saving as many as 30 percent more lives;

Whereas the medicare program will cover mammograms on an annual basis for women over 39 years of age, beginning in January, 1998; and

Whereas 47 States have passed legislation requiring health insurance companies to cover mammograms in accordance with recognized screening guidelines: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 17, 1997, as "National Mammography Day"; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate programs and activities.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I might state that all of those items were cleared by the Democratic side, as well as the Republican side of the Senate.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1997

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I announce that when the Senate adjourns this evening, it will reconvene under the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 169 at 12 noon on Monday, October 20. I ask unanimous consent that immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted; and that there then be a period for the transaction of morning business until the hour of 2:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, the Senate will not be in session tomorrow, Friday, October 10. The Senate will reconvene on Monday, October 20, and at 2:30, the Senate will resume consideration of the ISTEAL legislation. However, no votes will occur during the session of the Senate on Monday, October 20. Votes could occur as early as the morning of Tuesday, October 21. The continuing resolution expires on October 23. Therefore, the Senate will be considering available appropriations conference reports throughout the week the Senate returns from the Columbus Day recess.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO FILE REPORTED LEGISLATION

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that committees have until 7 p.m. this evening to file reported legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1997

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 169, until 12 noon on Monday, October 20, 1997.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:57 p.m., adjourned until Monday, October 20, 1997, at 12 noon.

NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Executive nominations received by the Senate October 9, 1997:

ROBERT S. WARSHAW, OF NEW YORK, TO BE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY, VICE ROSE OCHIE, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MARY MEL FRENCH, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AND TO HAVE THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE.

ROBERT T. GREY, JR., OF VIRGINIA, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT.

DAVID B. HERMELIN, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO NORWAY.

U.S. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY

HARRIET C. BABBITT, OF ARIZONA, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, VICE CAROL J. LANCASTER, RESIGNED.

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE AGENCIES INDICATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE CLASSES STATED, AND ALSO FOR THE OTHER APPOINTMENTS INDICATED HERewith:

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS ONE, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

RICHARD B. HOWARD, OF CALIFORNIA

U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY

ROBERT JAMES BIGART, JR., OF NEW YORK
SUE K. BROWN, OF TEXAS
CATHY TAYLOR CHIKES, OF VIRGINIA
RENATE ZIMMERMAN COLESHILL, OF FLORIDA
JAMES R. CUNNINGHAM, OF VIRGINIA
THOMAS E. FACHETTI, OF PENNSYLVANIA
LINDA GRAY MARTINS, OF VIRGINIA
NIKITA GRIGOROVICH-BARSKY, OF MARYLAND
SUSAN M. HEWITT, OF VIRGINIA
JOHN D. LAVELLE, JR., OF VIRGINIA
JOANN QUINTON-SAMUELS, OF FLORIDA
VINCENT P. RAIMONDI, OF NEW YORK
RAYMOND E. SIMMERSON, OF MARYLAND
ROBERT D. SMOOT, OF FLORIDA
CAROL J. URBAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PATRICIA L. WALLER, OF CALIFORNIA

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS TWO, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CAREY N. GORDON, OF FLORIDA
CECIL DUNCAN MCFARLAND, OF KENTUCKY
STEPHEN HUXLEY SMITH, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY

ERGIBE A. BOYD, OF MARYLAND
TIMOTHY JAMES DODMAN, OF NEBRASKA
SAMUEL E. DURRETT, OF VIRGINIA
STANLEY G. GIBSON, OF OHIO
PAUL LAWRENCE GOOD, OF CALIFORNIA
GAYLE CARTER HAMILTON, OF TEXAS
BETTY DIANE JENKINS, OF VIRGINIA
GERALD K. KANDEL, OF NEVADA
MARY A. MCCARTER-SHEEHAN, OF KANSAS
MARGARET C. OSOSKY, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DELORIS D. SMITH, OF MARYLAND
MICHELE ISA SPRECHMAN, OF NEW YORK

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS THREE, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

TIMOTHY H. ANDERSON, OF VIRGINIA
JOHN A. BEED, OF MARYLAND
PETER R. HUBBARD, OF CALIFORNIA